

HOUSE . . . . . No. 1806

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By Mr. Early of Worcester, petition of the Massachusetts Public Employees Council 41, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, and Joseph D. Early that certain reports and findings made as a result of any investigation of labor and management relations conducted by state agencies shall be a matter of public record. Public Service.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

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AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN REPORTS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Notwithstanding any provision of law or rule to the con-  
2 trary, any reports, findings or any other documentary evidence  
3 gathered as a result of any investigation of labor-management  
4 relations conducted by a department or division of any agency  
5 of the commonwealth shall be a matter of public record;  
6 provided, that no such reports shall be released without the  
7 approval of an employee organization who has been duly  
8 recognized or certified as the collective bargaining agent of  
9 the employee or employees concerned under the provisions of  
10 chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the General Laws.

By the Court of Appeals, Justice of the Supreme Court, in the case of *THE UNITED STATES vs. ALVIN KARPIS*, and *JOHN D. DILLON*, that certain reports and documents were in the possession of the defendant in the above entitled case, and that the same should be a matter of public record. This case is reported in the *United States Reports*.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any provision of law in force in the commonwealth, no employer shall be held liable for any injury to any employee, or for any loss of wages or other pecuniary advantage, as a result of any investigation of labor-management relations conducted by a department or division of any agency of the commonwealth, shall be a matter of public record; provided, that no such report shall be released without the approval of an employer organization who has been duly recognized or certified as the collective bargaining agent of the employees or employees covered under the provisions of this chapter, and subject and security right of the general laws.